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Senate

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The Senate met at 9:30 a.m., on the expiration of the recess, and was called to order by the Honorable MAX CLELAND, a Senator from the State of Georgia.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Lloyd John Ogilvie, offered the following prayer:

Hear God's word in Proverbs 3:3-4:

Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. Then you will win favor and a good name in the sight of God and man.

Let us pray:

Thank You, dear God, for this reminder of what is ultimately important to You. We commit this day to love You with all our minds and hearts. When love for You is our primary motivation, life becomes a delight and not a drudgery. The strain and stress are gone. We are free to work with one commanding goal: to do everything we do to glorify You. Faithfulness flows naturally. We are accountable to You. Help us to remember that every action. word, and decision is open to Your judgment. Bless the Senators today with the profound peace of trusting You completely and serving You with love and faithfulness. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable MAX CLELAND led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President protempore (Mr. BYRD).

The legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE, PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE, Washington, DC, May 14, 2002.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable MAX CLELAND, a Senator from the State of Georgia, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD, President pro tempore.

Mr. CLELAND thereupon assumed the chair as Acting President pro tempore.

RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Nevada is recognized.

SCHEDULE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, the Chair will shortly announce that we will be in a period for morning business until 10:30 a.m. today, with the first half controlled by the Republican leader and the second half under the control of the majority leader, or their respective designees. At 10:30 a.m. we will resume consideration of the trade bill, with 10 minutes of debate prior to a vote in relation to the Baucus-Grasslev amendment regarding investors. Following disposition of the Baucus amendment, Senator DAYTON will be recognized to offer the Dayton-Craig amendment regarding unfair trade practices. We will recess from 12:30 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. today for our weekly party conferences.

Mr. President, there is a lot of interest in this legislation. There will be a significant number of amendments offered. The majority leader has indicated he wants Senators to have that

opportunity to offer amendments. We hope Members will do that. We also hope we can work on time agreements on these amendments and move this legislation forward. This legislation has the interest of both leaders in the Senate. The President has spoken about it often. It is legislation we have to move. And remember, a week from Friday we go into our Memorial Day recess. We have a lot of work to do prior to that time, and one of the items we have to dispose of is this legislation before we can do other things. Noting that, I look forward to a very productive day.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

MORNING BUSINESS

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, there will now be a period for the transaction of morning business not to extend beyond the hour of 10:30 a.m., with Senators permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each. Under the previous order, the time until 10 a.m. shall be under the control of the Republican leader or his designee.

The Senator from Wyoming.

TRADE LEGISLATION

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. President, we are finally moving forward on the trade bill. I hope we can move quickly. It is one of the more important issues before us, of which there are many. I say again, I hope we can take a look at this bill in terms of what it is designed to do, and that is to provide for the President an outline of how he may negotiate trade agreements and bring those

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